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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 13.3% IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 17 — Airline passenger traffic rose 13.3 percent in February, compared with the same month last year, and was up 12.2 percent for the first two months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in February increased 13.6 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 12.4 percent. The load factor was 59.5 percent, up from 58.9 percent in February of 1986.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in February registered a gain of 11.7 percent. Available seat miles rose 8.8 percent. The load factor was 54.6 percent, up from 53.2 percent for February a year earlier.

During the first two months of the year, domestic passenger traffic increased 12.3 percent. Available seat miles rose 11.1 percent. The load factor was 57.1 percent, up from 56.6 percent in the first two months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines during the first two months rose 12.2 percent. Available seat miles increased 8.5 percent. The load factor was 57.7 percent, a gain from the 55.8 percent of the first two months of 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 1987 - 1986

		FEBRUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	87	23,163,233	38,936,589	59.5	45,345,003	79,378,425	57.1
	86	20,388,828	34,628,874	58.9	40,391,746	71,425,929	56.6
PERCENT CHANGE		13.6	12.4		12.3	11.1	
INTERNATIONAL	87	4,133,416	7,570,843	54.6	9,236,628	16,020,243	57.7
	86	3,701,441	6,957,693	53.2	8,234,275	14,763,025	55.8
PERCENT CHANGE		11.7	8.8		12.2	8.5	
TOTAL	87	27,296,649	46,507,432	58.7	54,581,631	95,398,668	57.2
	86	24,090,269	41,586,567	57.9	48,626,021	86,188,954	56.4
PERCENT CHANGE		13.3	11.8		12.2	10.7	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, SOUTHWEST AND TRANSTAR.